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Ex parte MASAKAZU FURUKAWA, YASUJI HIRAMATSU and YASUTAKA ITO

Application 09/462,067

## ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) on June 18, 2003. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner for correction of the matters identified below.

On August 12, 2002, (Paper No. 13), a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was entered. A second IDS (Paper No. 22) was entered on June 4, 2003. A procedural review of the application file finds that these papers have not been considered by the examiner.

Application 09/608,818

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the examiner for proper consideration of these papers and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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